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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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**DECLARATION OF AUDREY GODDARD, Ph.D., PAUL J. GODOWSKI, Ph.D.,
AUSTIN GURNEY, Ph.D., DAVID SHELTON, Ph.D., and WILLIAM I. WOOD, Ph.D.
UNDER 37 CFR 1.131**

We, Audrey Goddard, Ph.D., Paul J. Godowski, Ph.D., Austin Gurney, Ph.D., David Shelton, Ph.D., and William I. Wood, Ph.D. do hereby declare and say as follows:

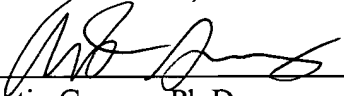
1. We are the inventors of the above-identified application.
2. We have read and understood the claims pending in this application.
3. The polypeptide designated as DNA44205-1285 encoding the PRO701 polypeptide was sequenced, cloned and homology to neuroligin proteins identified in the United States prior to October 4, 1999.
4. A cDNA clone, referred to as DNA44205-1285 (SEQ ID NO:374) in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application, was identified as encoding the PRO701 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:375).
5. U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/080328, filed on April 1, 1998, discloses sequences designated as SEQ ID NO:1 (Figure 1) and SEQ ID NO:2 (Figure 2) which are identical to SEQ ID NO: 374 and SEQ ID NO:375, respectively, of the current U.S. Patent Application.
6. U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/080328 further discloses that PRO701 corresponding to SEQ ID NO:375 is a neuroligin protein homolog.

7. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information or belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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